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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2064

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MARKET FOR U.S. WEST COAST LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

REF: STATE 39568

1. LATEST LIBYAN IMPORT
STATISTICS (FOR FIRST NINE
MONTHS 1973) WITH VALUE, QUANTITY AND COUNTRY OF
ORIGIN. (STATISTICS ARE BELIEVED ACCURATE REFLECTIONS
OF CURRENT MARKET SITUATIONS).

A. ROUGH

LUMBER AND ROUGH SQUARED TIMBER:

COUNTRY	CUBIC METERS	VALUE L.D.
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AUSTRIA	11,281	351,701
BRAZIL	4 2	340
CYPRUS	1,198	34,413
FINLAND	1,500	40,355
W. GERMANY	1,6"7	58,959
GREECE	350	9,220
HUNGARY	675	8,774
ITALY	253	10,844
LEBANON	1,185	33,154
RUMANIA	3,408	112,813
SPAIN	100	2,467

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SWEDEN	1,368	43,512
SWITZERLAND	6(4.(76	41,545

UK	93	3,890
USA	300	15,092
YUGOSLAVIA	5,008	145,543

TOTAL	29,536	912,622
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B. SAWN LUMBER, PLAINED, TONGUED, GROOVED:

AUSTRALIA	5, 22	163,770
AUSTRIA	111,768	3,893,434
BELGIUM	869	35,022
BULGARIA	1,699	40,307
CYPRUS	914	42,533
CZECH	BYZ	283
DENMARK	827	32,830
FINLAND	10,979	311,277
FRANCE	36	1, 14

GL. GERMANY	470	19,963
GREECE	690	43,681
HONDURAS	74	3,516
HUNOE		
HUNGARY	7,689	224,635
IRELAND	12,691	253,823
ITALY	14,398	468,430
LEBANON	10,495	366,070
NORWAY	989	31,146
PHILIPPINES	293	21,940
POLAND	1,126	?29, 1

ROMANIA	28,731	952, 52
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SINGAPORE	327	16,514
SPAIN	528	9,757
SWEDEN	31,868	1,264,849
SWITZERLAND	510	?13,256
TURKEY	5,157	173,656
U.K.	15	716
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USA	6,366	294,431
USSR	7,716	234,010
YUGOSLAVIA	44,614	1,445,981

TOTAL	307,673	10,389,537
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C. VENEER SHEETS (BY KILOGRAM):

NAT. CHINA	18,954	4,618
ITALY	274,706	37,814

JAPAN	14,700	?6#,439
LEBANON	32,920	3,183
POLAND	36,881	2,841
ROMANIA	38,400	1,438
SINGAPORE	8,000	1,247
YUGOSLAVIA	357,027	41,49"

TOTAL	787 988	103,# "/
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\$. PLYWOOD (CUBIC METERS):

AUSTRIA	322	13,608
NAT. CHINA	X115	5,695
P.R. CHINA	44	5,760
CYPRUS	30	1,884

FRANCE	65	2,006
W. GERMANY	767	?33,745
GREECE	45	2,902
ITALY	3,717	178,862
JAPAN	88	4,562
LEBANON	100	5, 3

SINGAPORE	20	1,848
SPAIN	75	?3,787
TURKEY	248	9,925
U.K.	BRY	2,123
USA	25	1,146
YUGOSLAVIA	2,628	148,817

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TOTAL	8,335	22,513/
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E. CELLULAR WOOD PANELS (CUBIC METERS):

AUSTRIA	1,841	84,967
ITALY	693	41,035
SWEDEN	1,152	50,403
USA	50	2,955
YUGOSLAVIA	93	7,498

TOTAL	3,829	186,858
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F. IMPROVED/RECONSTITUTED WOOD (KILOGRAMS):

AUSTRIA	194,020	12,436
NAT. CHINA	7,800	1,588
FINLAND	740,580	54,099
FRANCE	48,320	8,320
GREECE	4,724	351
ITALY	569, 95	73,382
JAPAN	43,852	21,103
LEBANON	1,000	869
POLAND	69,090	4,033
SWEDEN	1,711	850
TURKEY	82,250	9,096
USSR	87,460	9,475
YUGOSLAVIA	712,108	88,292

TOTAL	2,562,810	283,894
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G. BUILDERS' WOODWORK AND PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS
OF WOOD (KILOGRAMS):

AUSTRIA	25,492	12,960
BELGIUM	120,595	15,189
NAT. CHINA	6,619	3,199
FRANCE	2,015	806
W. GERMANY	39,515	15,544
GREECE	6,390	2,230

ITALY	452,443	236,059
LEBANON	3,000	1,813
MALTA	25,860	9,983
SPAIN	2,478	736
SWEDEN	8,280	2,070
TUNISIA	5,300	1,951
U.K.	143,355	32,446
USA	4,483	710
YUGOSLAVIA	72,876	36,276
TOTAL	918,701	371,967

#. ONE LIBYAN DINAR (L.D.) EQUALS \$3.39558.

2. LOCAL PRODUCTION: NEGLIGIBLE. VERY LITTLE FURNITURE MANUFACTURED LOCALLY. ALMOST ALL WOOD USED FOR CONCRETE FORMS, SCAFFOLDING, DOORS AND WINDOW FRAMES FOR VERY ACTIVE HOUSING INDUSTRY. BECAUSE LOCAL ARTISANS DO NOT MEASURE ACCURATELY, ROUGHWOOD PREFERRED WITH SMOOTHING COMPLETED ON SITE. VERY LITTLE HARDWOOD IMPORTED.

3. MOST FREQUENTLY IMPORTED SIZES: 75 X 75 MM., 95 X 95 MM., 38 X 100 MM. 50 X 100 MM. ACCORDING TO LOCAL IMPORTERS, LUMBER COSTS APPROXIMATE \$100 PER CUBIC METER C.I.F. IN THEIR OPINION FREIGHT RATES TO CONGESTED LIBYAN HARBORS CHIEF DISADVANTAGE FOR U.S. LUMBER.

4. LEADING IMPORTERS: LIBYAN INDEPENDENT CO., PO BOX 6139, TRIPOLI, PRESIDENT: RAFIK SHARIF COMASCO,

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PO BOX 2426, TRIPOLI, MANAGING DIRECTOR; PHILLIP MARCOS; DWELLA IBRAHIM, 48-50 AT-TAREK ST., TRIPOLI, DIRECTOR: AHMAD DWELLA.

5. BUILDING OF RAILROAD TRIPOLI-TUHZH, NOW IN PLANNING

STAGE, LIKELY GREATLY INCREASE IMPORTS TIES.

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